

Remarks

It is respectfully requested that claims 1 and 16 - 18 be reconsidered for allowance in view of this Amendment and these Remarks.

This Preliminary Amendment is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.115.

Page 11 and the "Assignment" thereon is cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 13 and 14.

Claims 2 - 15 are cancelled.

Claim 16 has been amended to depend from new claim 18.

New claims 17 and 18 has been added to more accurately define the present invention. New claim 17 is original claim 8 in independent form.

New claim 18 is original claim 15 in independent form.

Amended claim 1 and claims 16 - 18 are believed to be allowable over the references cited in the Supplemental Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully,

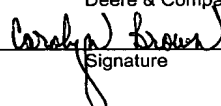


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